

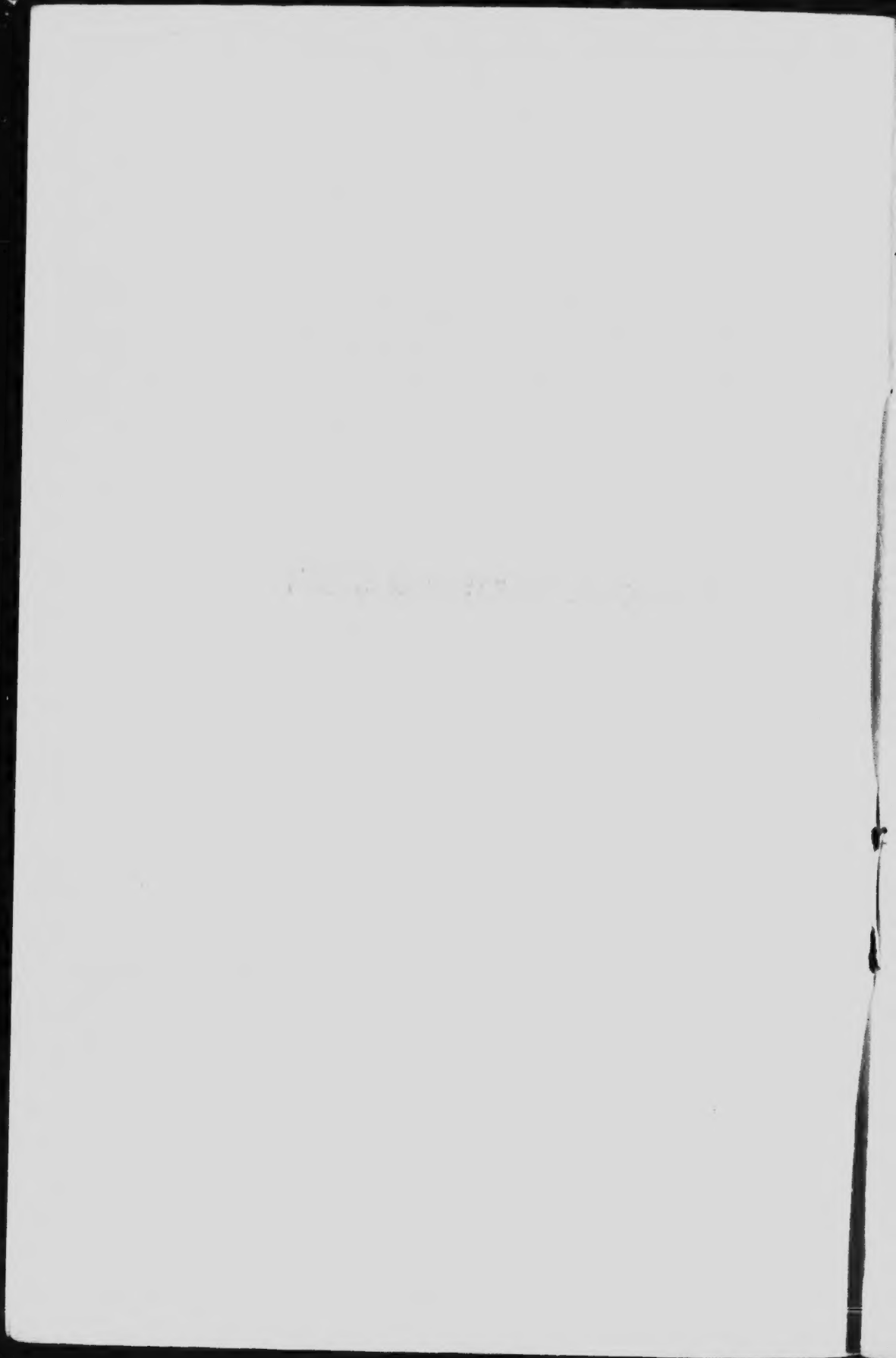
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Church Men's Society



Diocese of Nova Scotia

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Church Men's Society, Diocese of Nova Scotia.

Officers 1910.

Honorary President:

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. (ex-officio).

Hon. Vice-President:

The Chancellor of the Diocese (ex-officio).

President—Ven. Archdeacon Armitage.

Vice Presidents, Clerical—Rev. C. W. Vernon.
Lay—C. E. Creighton.

Secretary-Treasurer—H. D. Romans.

Executive Committee: The officers and:—
Rev. G. R. Martell. Dr. C. S. Elliott.
Rev. H. W. Cunningham. Mr. E. W. W. Sim.
Mr. G. W. G. Bonner. Mr. C. A. Prescott.

For information address the Secretary-
Treasurer, H. D. Romans, Dartmouth, N. S.

OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY.

- (a) To band together the men of the Church in a united effort to promote the glory of God and the increase of His Kingdom.
 - (b) To promote and deepen the spiritual life among the men of the Church. This may be done by men's meetings, men's Bible Classes, corporate Communions for men, special services for men, and in any other way deemed helpful.
 - (c) To promote opportunities for social intercourse among the men of the Church, especially by bringing into close relationship with each other workers whose particular spheres sometimes seem to be widely apart.
 - (d) To provide for the commendation of members of the society when removing from one parish to another.
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RULES OF THE CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY.

- I. TO PRAY TO GOD EVERY DAY.
- II. TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP FORWARD THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

The following ways of discharging the rule of work are suggested:

To readily and punctually perform some Church Office, as Churchwarden, Sidesman, Synod Delegate, Organist, Member of the choir or member of some church Committee.

To conduct or assist in a Bible Class.

To teach in the Sunday School.

To engage in Temperance work.

To engage in Purity work.

To manage Sick or Friendly Societies in connection with the Church.

To take part in the work of a Men's Club, Boys' Club, or Church Lads' Brigade.

To help in keeping parish accounts.

To act as Librarian.

To promote Men's Services or Special Missions for Men.

To play in an orchestra for Men's Services.

To serve on a working committee for the purpose of making known Church work by personally distributing notices, or otherwise.

To take an interest in some two or three young men.

To pray for, subscribe to, and assist in the Mission Work of the Church, whether Diocesan, Canadian or Foreign

To take a personal share in the religious education of our own children.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the society is open to all Churchmen above the age of sixteen, who are willing to carry out the society's rule of life.

BADGE.

A white St. George's Cross on a crimson ground.

MEMBERSHIP FEES.

A per capita tax of 25 cents in advance is to be paid yearly to the Diocesan Branch, and parochial branches are allowed to fix such dues as they may deem necessary to carry on the work of the branch, the committee recommending, however, that these should be kept as low as possible.

AFFILIATION OF EXISTING MEN'S ORGANIZATIONS.

All existing parochial organizations for men, such as Bible Classes, missionary committees, men's clubs, etc., are invited to affil-

iate themselves with the Church Men's Society, and thus be given a wider interest than the purely parochial one.

SUGGESTED CONSTITUTION FOR PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

1. **Name.** The name of this society shall be the* (St. George's) Church Men's Society.

*Here shall be marked the name of the parish.

II. **Objects.** (a) To band together the men of the Church in a united effort to promote the glory of God and the increase of His Kingdom.

(b) To promote and deepen the spiritual life among the men of the Church.

(c) To promote opportunities for social intercourse among the men of the Church.

(d) To provide for the commendation of members of the Society when removing from one parish to another.

III. **The Rules of the Society are**

1. To pray to God every day.

2. To do something to help forward the work of the Church.

IV. Membership Fee shall be a year, 25c of which is to be paid to the Diocesan Society on or before January 1st of each year.

(The membership fee should be sufficient to cover anticipated local expenses and the fee to the Diocesan Society.)

VI. The Officers of the Society shall be an Honorary President, who shall be the rector of the parish, and

A President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

The Executive shall consist of the officers, and three additional members.

The Officers and Executive shall be elected at an annual meeting of the Society to be held in October of each year.

VII. Meetings of the Branch shall be held—

(The ideal is once a week, the minimum once a month.)

SUGGESTED ORDER FOR MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Opening Service.
2. Roll Call.
3. Minutes.
4. Admission of New Members.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. Reports of Work.
7. Assignment of New Work.
8. The program, for the carrying out of which a program committee should be appointed at the annual meeting, the duty of which would be to arrange for lectures, appoint leaders for discussions, etc., etc.

Suggested programs include,

- (1) Bible Study.
- (2) The Prayer Book.
- (3) Church History.
- (4) Living Church Topics.
- (5) Social Problems.

A SERVICE FOR USE AT MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

- (1) Hymn "Fight the Good Fight."
(Or other suitable hymn.)

Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy Strength, and Christ thy Right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His Face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, His Arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

- (2) Short Scripture Lesson.

- (3) The Rules of the Society to be repeated
by all members present.

In the presence of God and of one another,
we solemnly renew our obligations to observe
the rules of the Society;— To pray to God
every day and to do something to help for-
ward the work of the Church.

(4) The Apostles' Creed

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING SERVICE.

THE SOCIETY PRAYER.

O God the Father, who art the refuge and strength of all who come to Thee, give us (me) grace that we (I) may be true to our (my) promises as (a) members of the Church Men's Society. Help us (me) to show steadfastness and earnestness of purpose, boldness in upholding the truth, moral courage in temptation and manliness in all things. Guard us (me) against unreality, self deception and idleness

and neglect of duty and lead us (me) to such love for Thee and all men that we (I) may strive with diligence to bring ourselves (myself) and others to acknowledge Thee and Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

FORM FOR THE ADMISSION OF A MEMBER.

In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRESIDENT. A. B. C. having applied for admission to the Church Men's Society of the Diocese, the obligations of the Society are here given for his information and as a reminder to all members present—

1. To pray to God every day.
2. To do something to help forward the work of the Church.

PRESIDENT. Do you promise with God's help, to keep the promises and to conform to the rules of the Society?

ANSWER. I do.

PRESIDENT. The Lord be with you.

ANSWER. And with thy spirit.

PRESIDENT. Let us pray.

All kneeling.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer.

PRESIDENT. O Lord, save Thy servant.

ANSWER. Who putteth his trust in Thee.

PRESIDENT. Send him help from Thy holy place.

ANSWER. And evermore mightily defend him.

PRESIDENT. Let the enemy have no advantage of him.

ANSWER. Nor the wicked approach to hurt him.

PRESIDENT. Lord, hear our prayer.

ANSWER. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers and vouchsafe to bless Thy servant, and through him, this Society into which he is now received as a member. Grant him grace that he may ever resist the evil and boldly stand for the right. Give him the moral courage that is needed and enable him to lead a righteous, sober and godly life, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more until he come to Thy everlasting Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

All standing.

PRESIDENT, TAKING CANDIDATE BY THE HAND:—I receive and admit you into full membership of the Church Men's Society in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Receive this badge of membership, making prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ that by His merits you may bear it without reproach that He may guard you from all adversity and bring you to everlasting life.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

